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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the office action of November 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

22. (Amended) A method for forming a semiconductor structure, comprising:

depositing a first insulative layer over a semiconductor layer;

forming a lower level of interconnect members over the first insulative layer;

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depositing a second insulative layer between and over the lower level of interconnect members;

forming an upper level of interconnect members over the second insulative layer

removing portions of the second insulative layer positioned between interconnect members of the lower and upper levels; and

forming a third insulative layer in regions from which the second insulative layer is removed.